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LOUISIANA LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during October totaled 1.7 million pounds, up 6 percent from September, but 15 percent below the previous year.

There were 2,100 head of **cattle** slaughtered during October, up 300 head from September, but unchanged from the previous year. Average live weight was 822 pounds, down 7 pounds from the previous month, and 23 pounds below October 1998. Total live weight was 1.73 million pounds, up 16 percent from September, but 3 percent below a year ago.

Calves slaughtered during October totaled 1,400 head, down 400 head from September, and 1,000 head below the previous year. Live weight averaged 478 pounds, down 13 pounds from September, and 8 pounds below a year ago. Total live weight at 651 thousand pounds was down 25 percent from September, and 45 percent below a year ago.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during October totaled 2,900 head, up 500 head from September, but unchanged from October 1998. Average live weight was 210 pounds, up 5 pounds from September, but 1 pound below the previous year. Total live weight was 601 thousand pounds, 21 percent above the previous month, but 1 percent below a year ago.

The total number of **sheep** slaughtered during October was 200 head, unchanged from both September, and the previous year. Live weight averaged 85 pounds, up 2 pounds from the previous month, but 4 pounds below the previous year.#

UNITED STATES LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.00 billion pounds in October, down 1 percent from the 4.04 billion pounds produced in October 1998.

October 1998 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays. October 1999 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Comparing October 1999 with October 1998

Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.09 million head, up 1 percent from 1998. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,213 pounds.

Veal production totaled 19 million pounds, 12 percent below the previous record low for October set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 105 thousand head, down 16 percent from October 1998. The average live weight was 16 pounds above last year, at 298 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.95 million head, 4 percent below 1998. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 259 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 20 million pounds, was down 4 percent from the previous record low for October set last year. Sheep slaughter totaled 305 thousand head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

January-October red meat production was 38.4 billion pounds, 2 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent higher than last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 4 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

ITEM	LOUISIANA					UNITED STATES			
	Sept	October		Jan - Oct		October		Jan - Oct	
	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Number, thousand head									
Cattle	1.8	2.1	2.1	21.2	19.7	3,054.5	3,094.5	29,796.7	30,340.6
Calves	1.8	2.4	1.4	17.2	12.3	125.0	104.8	1,215.7	1,067.3
Hogs	2.4	2.9	2.9	29.4	28.7	9,351.5	8,946.6	82,794.4	83,769.3
Sheep & Lambs	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.4	2.3	323.3	304.8	3,150.3	3,013.3
Total live weight, thousand pounds									
Cattle	1,486	1,778	1,725	17,341	15,371	3,707,605	3,754,951	35,801,473	36,634,004
Calves	869	1,174	651	8,189	5,753	35,237	31,249	347,897	308,888
Hogs	498	609	601	6,319	6,109	2,402,301	2,316,801	21,146,351	21,608,083
Sheep & Lambs	20	14	16	240	233	41,159	39,756	416,345	398,918
Average live weight, pounds									
Cattle	829	845	822	818	780	1,214	1,213	1,205	1,207
Calves	491	486	478	476	468	282	298	286	289
Hogs	205	211	210	215	213	257	259	255	258
Sheep & Lambs	83	89	85	100	101	127	130	132	132
Million pounds									
Red meat, million	1.6	2.0	1.7	17.8	15.6	4,035	4,001	37,465	38,380

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in November was 93 based on 1990-92= 100, up 2.2 percent from the October index. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell affect the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of cotton, milk, cattle, and cottonseed more than offset the relatively lower marketings of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, and lettuce. These marketing changes account for most of the November index increase. Higher prices for broilers, eggs, potatoes, and corn slightly offset price decreases for milk, soybeans, oranges, hogs, and lettuce.

Compared with November 1998, the All Farm Products Index was 6.1 percent lower. Price decreases from November 1998 for milk, cotton, soybeans, and corn more than offset price increases for cattle, hogs, apples, and calves.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The November Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 117 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from October, but 2.6 percent above November 1998. Lower prices in November for herbicides, potash and phosphate materials, and mixed fertilizers were offset by higher prices for feeder cattle, feed concentrates, nitrogen fertilizers, and feeder pigs.

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AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

ITEM	LOUISIANA			UNITED STATES		
	ENTIRE MONTH		PRELIMINARY	ENTIRE MONTH		PRELIMINARY
	November	October	November	November	October	November
	1998	1999	1999 1/	1998	1999	1999 1/
	-----dollars-----			-----dollars-----		
Soybeans, per bushel	5.18	5.13	4.61	5.39	4.47	4.35
Rice, per cwt	9.39	6.15	6.02	8.98	6.23	6.45
Upland Cotton, per pound	.576	.477	2/ .442	.646	.459	2/ .468
Hay, all, baled, per ton	N/A	N/A	N/A	81.40	73.70	74.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt	40.10	45.80	46.10	58.10	66.20	66.20
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	58.80	70.60	73.00	62.30	70.10	70.80
Cows, per cwt	29.60	31.20	31.00	29.70	33.80	33.00
Calves, per cwt	70.90	83.60	85.00	77.50	91.90	91.60
Broilers, live, per pound	N/A	N/A	N/A	.413	.335	.374
Eggs All, per dozen	N/A	N/A	N/A	.728	.501	.643
All Milk, per cwt 3/	18.10	17.90	18.20	17.80	15.00	14.40

1/Mid-month; 2/Based on sales during the first half of the month. 3/Before deductions for hauling and government with holdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. N/A = Not Available

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